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1. A group of approximately 2,000 men of the 1925, 1926, 1927 and 1928 classes have recently returned from Soviet Russia, where they have been undergoing a special six month training course at Sevastopol, Odessa and Smilovo.
2. The majority of this group were young non-commissioned officers of the Bulgarian Army and had been selected for their political reliability, health and intelligence. The courses were mainly concerned with modern infantry fighting using Storm Troop methods.
3. On return to Bulgaria these trainees are given the rank of "Aspirant" (i.e. neither a non-commissioned officer nor an officer) and are attached to various units as instructors. In time of war they would take over the fighting command of their section while the administrative command would remain with the section commander. There are two "Aspirants" for every 40 infantry soldiers.
4. It is planned to train approximately 10,000 Bulgarians, in groups of 2,000, in these courses.

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